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Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—"Is Vizagapatam one of the three districts ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Tours of the Labour Commissioner and the travelling allowances drawn by him.

*1017 *Q.*—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date when the present Labour Commissioner took charge of the office ;

(*b*) the places he toured in each year from the date of his taking charge of the office and the travelling allowance drawn by him ;

(*c*) the names of his predecessors and their tours and the travelling allowance drawn by them ;

(*d*) the amount of allotment for the Labour Department for the years 1926–27 to 1928–29, the amount spent during those years and the amount that lapsed to the Government and the reasons therefor ; and

(*e*) the amount that lapsed to the Government in the said department during the tenure of office of Sir George Paddison and of his predecessors in office ?

A.—(*a*) 23rd July 1927.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the annual administration reports of the Labour Department which have been placed on Editors' Table and which show the tours made by the Commissioners. The actual expenditure incurred under 'Travelling Allowance' by the Commissioner of Labour and his office staff is given in the Civil Budget Estimates. The amount of travelling allowance drawn by the Commissioners alone during 1927–28 was Rs. 5,362. Similar information in regard to previous years is not available.

(*d*) ..

1926-27.			1927-28.			1928-29.
Allotment.	Amount spent.	Savings	Allotment.	Amount spent.	Savings.	Allotment.
RS	RS.	RS	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
13,64,700	12,54,010	1,10,690	17,09,034	16,75,950	33,084	19,46,500
For loans.			*For loans.*			*For loans.*
5,04,500	4,14,225	90,275	5,22,400	3,30,134	1,92,266	4,37,800

Information regarding the amount spent and savings for the year 1928-29 cannot now be given as the year has not yet closed.

The reasons for the savings in the year 1926–27 are given in the Accountant-General's report on Appropriation Accounts for 1926–27 and the attention of the hon. Member is invited to it.

The savings in the year 1927–28 accrued mainly under establishment charges, construction of buildings connected with Kallar reclamation work and under the allotment for the Kavali

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Settlement owing to rigid economy. The savings under loans were mainly due to the curtailment of work relating to the acquisition of house-sites for caste labourers, delay in the formation of co-operative societies for building purposes in certain districts and the non-availability of military land required for construction of houses for Puliantope labourers.

(e) The information will be found in the reports of the Accountant-General on the Appropriation Accounts for the various years, copies of which are available in the Legislative Council Library.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" With reference to clauses (b) and (c), will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I don't think it is necessary."

Police

Appointment of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Madras.

* 1018 *Q*.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that an acting vacancy occurred recently in the post of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Northern Range, Madras ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Khan Sahib Muhammad Ziauddin Sahib Bahadur was appointed to the vacancy ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the gentleman referred to in clause (b) was Deputy Superintendent of Police, acting as District Superintendent of Police prior to his appointment ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the gentleman referred to in clause (b) was junior in service to another Mussalman Police Officer, namely Khan Bahadur Muhammad Kalimulla Sahib Bahadur ;

(e) if the answer to (d) be in the affirmative, the reasons why the claims of a senior Mussalman officer were overlooked in favour of a junior Mussalman officer ; and

(f) whether it is a fact that Khan Bahadur Muhammad Kalimulla Sahib Bahadur has acted previously on more than one occasion, as Deputy Commissioner of Police in the Madras City ?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.
(d) & (e) The answer to (d) is in the negative.
(f) Yes.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, with reference to clause (f), whether it is not conducive to efficiency if, when a man is given a chance in a vacancy once or twice, his claims are not set aside, and when there is a permanent vacancy, he is given the opportunity and not anybody else ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" In making the recommendation to His Excellency the Governor, every aspect of the case was considered."